

Seven People Every Church Needs

(1 Corinthians 12:12-27)

- Introduction:
1. The body of Christ consists of a diverse group of people.
 2. And, in that diversity of talents and backgrounds comes strength.
 3. In this morning and this evening's sermons, we will examine seven people every church needs.

I. A Proselyte

- A. A proselyte is a convert from another faith or religion.
- B. (Joshua 24:14-15).
- C. (Matthew 15:8-9).
- D. Proselytes renew our courage, challenge our beliefs, and give us much needed perspective.

II. A Non-Traditionalist

- A. (Matthew 15:6-9; 2 Thessalonians 2:15).
- B. Sometimes the work of God suffers because of our traditions.
- C. Therefore, we need people to question our traditions.
- D. (1 Chronicles 12:32) The sons of Issachar understood the times.

III. Old People

- A. That's probably counter-culture, but it's true.
- B. (Proverbs 16:31) Silver haired head is a crown of glory if it is found in the way of righteousness.
- C. (Proverbs 20:29) The glory of young men is their strength, and the splendor of old men is their gray head.
- D. (Leviticus 19:32) Rise before the gray-headed and honor the presence of an old man.
- E. (Psalm 71:18) When I am old and gray-headed, do not forsake me, till I declare your strength to this generation.
- F. The lack of older people is not a selling point, but a red flag.

IV. An Afflicted Person

- A. (Luke 13:10-17).
- B. (Matthew 8:28-34).
- C. An afflicted person teaches us kindness, compassion, thankfulness, and gives us an opportunity to put our faith in action (James 2:21).

- Conclusion:
1. You can see how our diversity helps to make us a healthy, functioning body (1 Corinthians 12:12-27).
 2. God certainly did manifest is divine wisdom in the church (Eph. 3:10).
 3. Would you like to be a part of this body?